

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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Practitioner's Docket No. 1710

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Daniel J. Aldrich
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For: NINE LAYER ARCHITECTURE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final office action dated October 23, 2006, please enter the present amendment and consider the following remarks.